



# 2022 Shields Class National Championship Regatta Ida Lewis Yacht Club Newport, RI



**September 6-10, 2022**

## **Sailing Instructions**

Including Amendment 1

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority is Ida Lewis Yacht Club (“ILYC”) in association with Shields Fleet 9, Newport, RI.
- 1.2. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the Shields Class Sailing Association.
- 1.3. Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on all standard marine VHF channels.

2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the Yacht Scoring Event website.

3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 hrs on the day they will take effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be flown from the yardarm of the flagpole at Ida Lewis Yacht Club.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than one (1) hour after flag “AP” is lowered. This changes Race Signals.
- 4.3. The Race Committee will make announcements concerning postponements, courses, premature starters, etc., on VHF Channel 79A. Failure of competitors to receive or hear such announcements will not be grounds for redress.

**5. SCHEDULE:**

5.1.

Tuesday, September 6

1500-1800	Early Registration	ILYC
	Launching	Sail Newport
	Cash Bar Open	ILYC

Wednesday, September 7

0830-1100	Registration	ILYC
1300	First warning signal for practice starts and practice race	Narragansett Bay
1800-2100	Welcome Reception (Cash Bar)	
	Shields Grill Night	ILYC
1800-1830	Skippers' Meeting	ILYC
1900-1945	Shields Class Annual Meeting	ILYC

Thursday, September 8

0830	Rendezvous Signal	ILYC Yard Arm & VHF Channel 79A
1030	First warning signal of the day	
1830	Post Racing Gathering (Cash Bar)	ILYC

Friday, September 9

0830	Rendezvous Signal	ILYC Yard Arm & VHF Channel 79A
1030	First warning signal of the day	
After Racing	Cash Bar	ILYC
	Dinner on your own.	

Saturday, September 10

0830	Rendezvous Signal	ILYC Yard Arm & VHF Channel 79A
1030	First warning signal of the day	
1400	No warning signal after this time	
1600	Cash Bar	
1800	Dinner & Awards	ILYC or Alternate Venue

5.2 Eight races are scheduled. No more than three races per day may be run.

**6. SCORING**

6.1. A minimum of two races must be completed to constitute a series.

6.2. The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A4, will apply.

6.3. If five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**7. RACING AREAS:** There are two potential race areas: Rhode Island Sound and the East Passage of Narragansett Bay (see Addendum A). At 0830 the Race Committee will announce the initial rendezvous area for that day on VHF Channel 79A and hoist:

- 7.1. Flag "A" designating rendezvous area ALPHA, approx 1/2 nm south of R"2" Brenton Point in Rhode Island Sound (approximately 5.5 NM from ILYC); or
- 7.2. Flag "R" designating rendezvous area ROMEO, in the vicinity of Half Way Rock, East Passage of Narragansett Bay (approximately 5.5 NM from ILYC) .

## **8. THE COURSE:**

- 8.1. The course numbers and descriptive diagrams are presented in Addendum B.
- 8.2. The Race Committee intends to initially set an offset mark (1a) and gate (2p and 2s) for all courses.
- 8.3. Prior to the warning signal the Race Committee will post the course number and the approximate distance in nautical miles to and heading to the first mark from the signal boat on a board on the starboard side of the Race Committee Signal Boat and announce the course on VHF Channel 79A. Failure of competitors to receive or hear such announcements will not be grounds for redress.

## **9. MARKS:**

- 9.1. The original turning marks (including the gate marks) will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2. The offset mark (1a) will be an orange ball.
- 9.3. New "next" mark, as provided in RRS 33, will be a yellow tetrahedron.
- 9.4. The start mark will be a green tetrahedron or an anchored Race Committee RIB with a staff flying an orange flag.
- 9.5. The finish mark will be a red tetrahedron.

## **10. THE START:**

- 10.1. Before the first warning signal of the first race of the day, each boat shall check in with the Race Committee by sailing in the vicinity of the signal boat and hailing the Race Committee on VHF Channel 69 with her sail number, and repeat the information until acknowledged by the Race Committee.
- 10.2. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line; and, either the course side of an inflatable green tetrahedron, or a staff displaying an orange flag on an anchored Race Committee RIB at the port end of the line.
- 10.4. The Race Committee shall hail each boat the race committee has identified as a premature starter over channel 79A. Failure to hear or receive such announcement, the number of times an announcement is made, or the order in which a particular boat is hailed shall not be grounds for redress.
- 10.5. Competitors are reminded that it is the responsibility of each boat to start correctly; and if they are aware they have not done so, they should return and start correctly even though they were not identified by the race committee and they were not hailed by the race committee as a premature starter.
- 10.6. A boat which has not started 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start(DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:**

- 11.1. In addition to the requirements set forth in RRS 33, the Race Committee will announce its intent to change a leg of the course on VHF Channel 79A. Failure of competitors to receive or hear such announcements will not be grounds for redress.
- 11.2. In the event that the Race Committee changes the weather mark after the initial weather leg, there will be no offset mark set.

12. **THE FINISH:** The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the finish mark.

**13. PENALTY SYSTEM:**

13.1. Appendix V1 and T will apply.

13.2. RRS 44.2 One-Turn and Two-Turn Penalties is changed as follows to prohibit a boat taking a penalty turn within the Zone: "After getting well clear of other boats and the Zone as soon after the incident as possible ..."

**14. TIME LIMITS:**

14.1. The time limit for the first boat to pass the first windward mark shall be 45 minutes.

14.2. The time limit for the first finisher of each race shall be 120 minutes.

14.3. The finishing window for subsequent finishers is 20 minutes after the first boat finishes. Boats not finishing within this finishing window shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). TLE shall be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing prior to the expiration of the 20 minute window plus two. The changes RRS 35 and Appendix A10.

**15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:**

15.1. Protest forms will be available from the Jury Desk at the Ida Lewis Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Jury Desk within the appropriate time limit.

15.2. The protest time limit is one (1) hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks after the last race of the day. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.

15.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the regatta protest room at Ida Lewis Yacht Club. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest room. Failure of a boat to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Jury as grounds for proceeding under rule 63.3(b).

15.4. A boat shall report and receive acknowledgement of its intention to protest and the yacht being protested immediately after the finish of the race in which the incident occurred to the Race Committee by radio on VHF 79A.

15.5. Rule 63.5 is changed by adding — "A protest involving contact may be heard by the Jury even though the requirements of rule 61.1(a) and 61.3 have not been fulfilled."

15.6. Penalties, if any, for breaches of rules other than rules of Part 2 may be less than disqualification, if the Protest Committee so decides.

15.7. Breaches of SI 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

15.8. On the last day of racing a request for redress:

15.8.1. based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted.

15.8.2. Other requests for redress shall be delivered no later than the end of the protest time limit or 30 minutes after after learning of reasons for making the request, whichever is later.

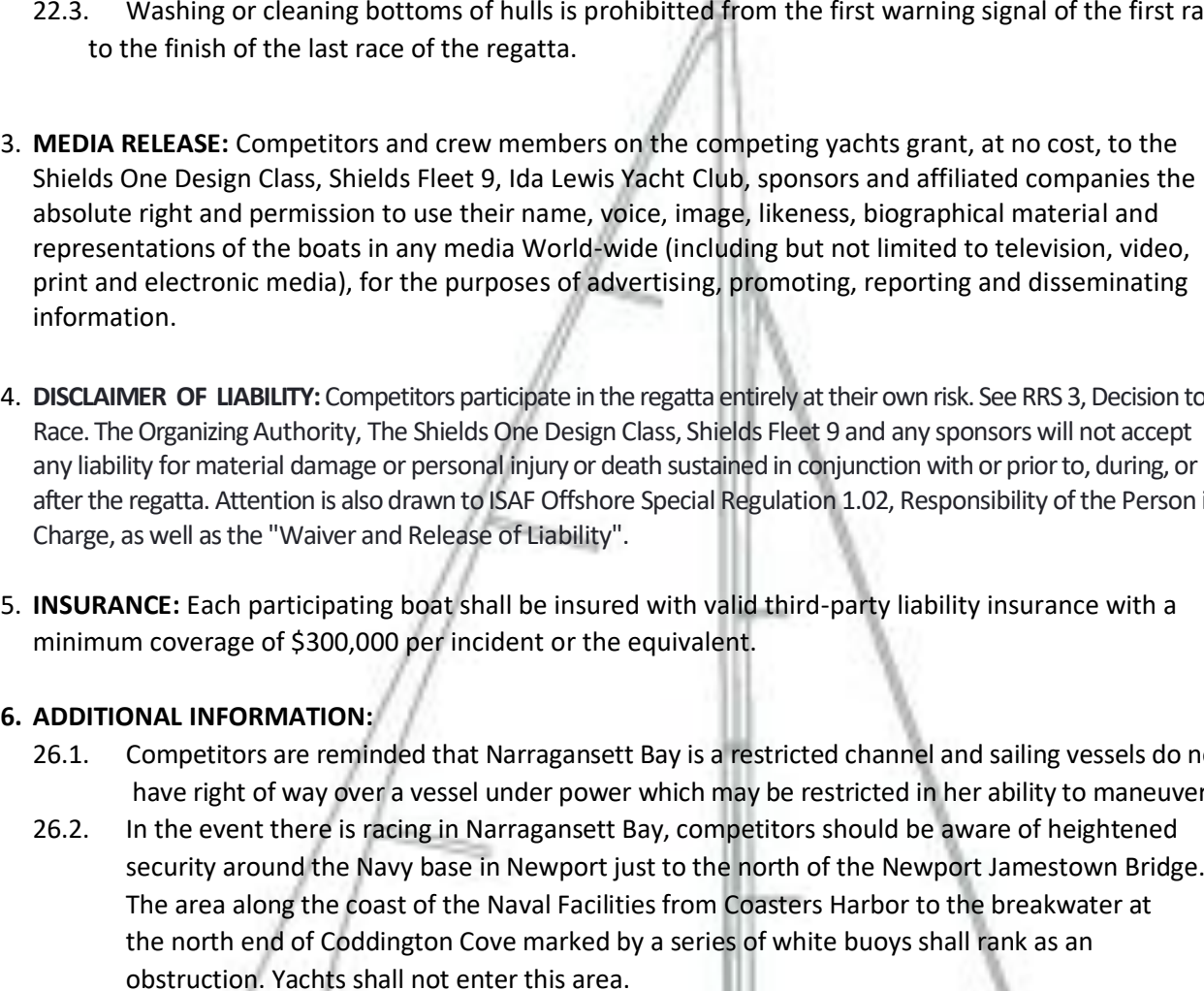
16. **SAFETY REGULATIONS:** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

**17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT:**

17.1. Each boat shall be required to carry throughout all races, the same number of persons on board as at the start of the first race of the regatta.

- 17.2. Crew substitutions do not require approval of the race committee; however, in the event a boats plans on replacing a crew member, they shall notify the Race Committee and confirm that the replacement and the resulting crew comply with Shields Class Rules, specifically the Rules governing the National Championship Regatta and the requirements specified in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- 17.3. Replacement of damaged or lost equipment shall require approval of the Class Measurer.
18. **EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS:** Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and any event relevant equipment rules.
19. **SUPPORT BOATS:**
- 19.1. Support boats must be registered with the Organizing Authority.
- 19.2. All support boats shall carry on board a VHF radio and monitor the designated Race Committee Channel. Support boats agree to assist the Race Committee if requested to do so.
- 19.3. Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first warning signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day, unless specifically athorized by the PRO to enter the area.
- 19.4. Except for Outside Help as defined in RRS 41, no assistance shall be given nor gear transferred between a support boat and a competing boat during time period noted in 19.3 above without specific athorization from the PRO.
20. **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS:**
- 20.1. Boats shall not be hauled out between the first and final races of the regatta without the written permission of the Class Measurer.
- 20.2. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the first warning signal for the first race and the end of the regatta.
21. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 21.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and any other wireless device.
- 21.2. From one hour prior to the scheduled first warning of the day until a boat has finished racing for the day, it may not receive weather, current, or navigational information except from a publicized source available at no cost to all competitors. Subscription, password protected or restricted access web pages are considered private information and may not be used for the transmission or reception of specialized weather information.
- 21.3. General use of the Internet and publicly available web sites to obtain weather including all National Weather Service data is authorized. Weather data developed specifically for the Race may not be received while racing.
- 21.4. The race committee will utilize VHF Channel 79A for communications with competing boats for course information, recalls, and change of course. Failure of of competitors to receive or hear such announcements will not be grounds for redress.
22. **PRIZES:**
- 22.1. Keeper trophies will be awarded in conjunction with each of the perpetual awards listed in the Class Rules, Section VI, 5.2 (Awards).
- 22.2. In addition, keeper trophies will be awarded to the winners of each individual race, as well as for skippers and crews finishing in second through fifth place overall.



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- 22.3. Washing or cleaning bottoms of hulls is prohibited from the first warning signal of the first race to the finish of the last race of the regatta.
23. **MEDIA RELEASE:** Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, to the Shields One Design Class, Shields Fleet 9, Ida Lewis Yacht Club, sponsors and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material and representations of the boats in any media World-wide (including but not limited to television, video, print and electronic media), for the purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information.
24. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, The Shields One Design Class, Shields Fleet 9 and any sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Attention is also drawn to ISAF Offshore Special Regulation 1.02, Responsibility of the Person in Charge, as well as the "Waiver and Release of Liability".
25. **INSURANCE:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.
26. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**
- 26.1. Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and sailing vessels do not have right of way over a vessel under power which may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.
- 26.2. In the event there is racing in Narragansett Bay, competitors should be aware of heightened security around the Navy base in Newport just to the north of the Newport Jamestown Bridge. The area along the coast of the Naval Facilities from Coasters Harbor to the breakwater at the north end of Coddington Cove marked by a series of white buoys shall rank as an obstruction. Yachts shall not enter this area.

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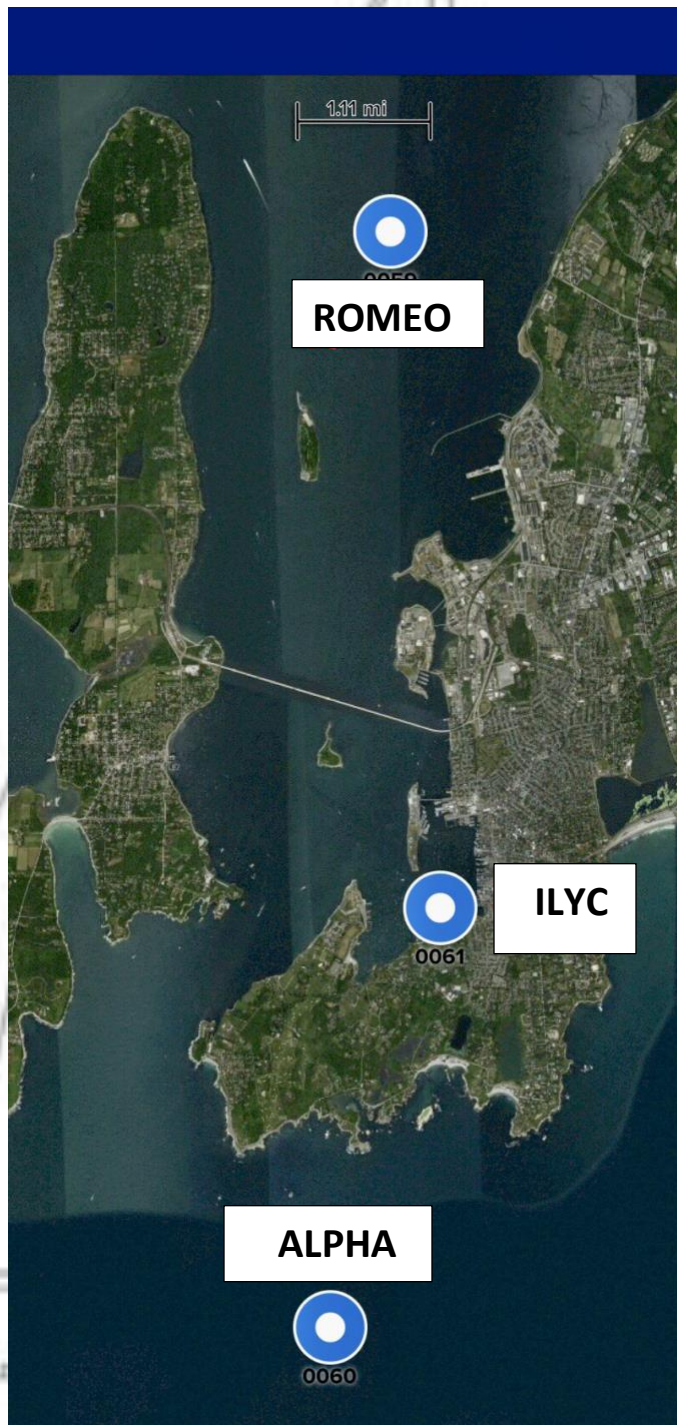
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**ADDENDUM A**

**RENDEZVOUS AREAS**



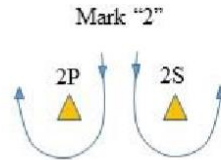
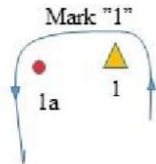
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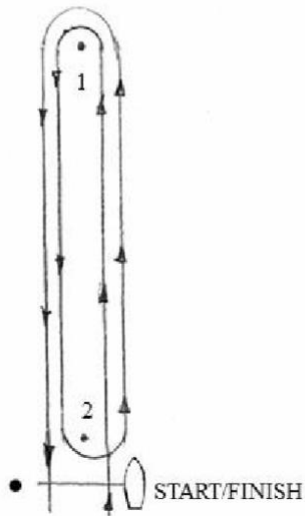
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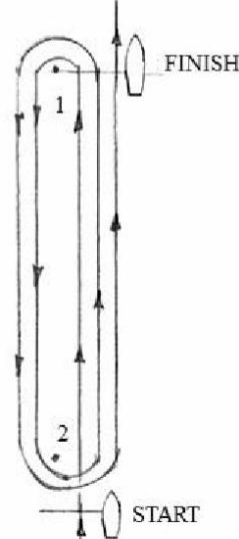
# 2022 Shields Nationals Course Diagrams



**Course 4**  
START-1-1a-2-1-1a-FINISH



**Course 5**  
START-1-1a-2-1-1a-2-FINISH



**Course 6**  
START-1-1a-2-1-1a-2-1-1a-  
FINISH

